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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 41
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A RESOLUTION to urge the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation, the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and the President of the University of Memphis to formulate a plan for the University of Memphis and the Department of Environment and Conservation to jointly share administrative responsibilities for the Chucalissa Indian Village and Museum.

WHEREAS, the Chucalissa Indian Village and Museum is located within the bounds of T.O. Fuller State Park in the City of Memphis; the archeological site was discovered in 1939 by CCC personnel, but was left undisturbed until 1955 when excavations began under the auspices of the Tennessee state park system. In 1962, its administration was placed under the department of anthropology of Memphis State University, now the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of the University of Memphis, a reproduction of a Native American village was constructed and the C. H. Nash Museum was opened, providing an educational attraction and an outdoor laboratory for University of Memphis anthropology students; and

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WHEREAS, for many visitors, the Chucalissa Indian Village and Museum is part of a joint destination along with the other attractions at the T.O. Fuller State Park; and

WHEREAS, both the University of Memphis and the Department of Environment and Conservation are amenable to the formulation of a plan to share administrative responsibilities for the Chucalissa Indian Village and Museum, provided that an equitable formula for the funding of administrative costs can be agreed upon; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation, the Chairman of the Board of Regents and the President of the University of Memphis are urged to formulate a plan for the University of Memphis and the Department of Environment and Conservation to jointly share administrative responsibilities for the Chucalissa Indian Village and Museum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any proposed legislation that may be developed be furnished to the chairs of the committees on education; environment, conservation and tourism; and finance, ways and means of the senate and the chairs of the committees on education, conservation and environment, and finance, ways and means of the house.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the commissioner of environment and conservation, the chairman of the board of regents, and the president of the University of Memphis.